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| For: IMAGING DEVICE THAT PREVENTS LOSS OF SHADOW DETAIL | : | |

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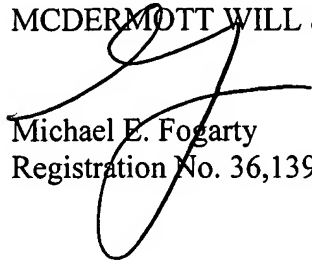
The relevance of non-English language reference (2000-287131) is discussed in the present specification.

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